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COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 17th June, 2025

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 10.00 a.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Lantano Nabaala) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

VISITING DELEGATION FROM ST. JUDE GIRLS SECONDARY SCHOOL NTURUKUMA

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members. I wish to take this opportunity to recognize the presence of 42 History and Government Students from St. Jude Nturukuma Girls Secondary School in Nanyuki Ward, Laikipia East Constituency. They are accompanied by their teachers namely and kindly raise your hands; Mr. Richard Lekorere and Ms. Ruth Mwiti.

Hon. Members, on my own behalf and that of the Assembly, I wish to welcome the school to the County Assembly of Laikipia. I wish them a fruitful engagement during the visit to learn more and understand how we proceed with our work in the Assembly. May you be seated. Thank you.

PAPERS LAID

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAIKIPIA BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2025/2026

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to lay the following papers;

Report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the Budget Estimates for the County Government and the County Assembly tabled in the Assembly on 30th April, 2025.

(Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki laid the Paper on the Table of the House)

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki.

NOTICE OF MOTION

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAIKIPIA BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2025/2026

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing order no 207(6), this Assembly adopts the report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the Budget Estimates for the County Government and the County Assembly tabled in the Assembly on 30th April, 2025.

MOTION

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAIKIPIA BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2025/2026

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Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to move the following motion;

> THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing order no 207(6), this Assembly adopts the report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the Budget Estimates for the County Government and the County Assembly tabled in the Assembly on 30 th April, 2025.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee as mandated by the Laikipia County Assembly Standing Orders No. 186 (3) and the Public Finance Management Act section 131 (2). It is my pleasure to present to this House the committee's report on the estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the Financial Year 2025-2026 for the Laikipia County Executive and the Laikipia County Assembly.

The Laikipia County Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 2025-2026 were submitted to Laikipia County Assembly by the County Executive on 30th April, 2025 through the Office of the Clerk. Accordingly, the said County Budget Estimates were tabled in the House Pursuant to Standing Order No. 207(3) and the Speaker referred the budget estimates to the Committee on Budget and Appropriations.

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Orders No. 207, the estimates were committed to each Sectoral committee without any question put. Each committee after reviewing the estimates submitted their recommendations to the Budget committee through the various chairs of the respective sectoral committees within the specified period of 21 days after the estimates were being laid before the Assembly.

The committee received submissions from the Sectoral committees highlighting significant financial recommendations on the budgets of the various County Departments and are captured in the final report being presented today. If these submissions are approved by the House, they will form the basis for the passage of the Appropriations Bill for the Financial Year 2025-2026.

Mr. Speaker, allow me to summarize the content of this report.

1. The County Treasury has proposed a total Budget of **Kshs. 6,991,962,159** excluding conditional grants.
2. The county has proposed Development expenditures for the fiscal year 2025/2026, excluding grants, at Kshs. 2,204,100,864. This amount represents 32% of the total county expenditure
3. The County has also proposed a Recurrent expenditure for fiscal year 2025/2026 at Kshs. 4,787,861,295 representing 68 percent of total county expenditure.
4. In the development budget, Health Department takes the lion's share at 34.1% of the entire budget. The huge investment is simply because of purchases of medical supplies for the hospitals as well as the FIF funds collected in the hospitals and utilized within the facilities. This is closely followed by the Infrastructure Department with 18.4% allocation. This department plays a key role in ensuring connectivity within the county.
5. The County Department of Administration, Public Service and Office of the Governor takes the highest proportion of the recurrent budget of 77%. The department takes care of the entire Personnel Emoluments for the County Government staff. Wages and salaries currently stand at Kshs. 3,350,000,000 while Kshs. 200,000,000 is set aside for medical insurance cover for the county staff.

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6. Mr. Speaker, the County Assembly has received the second highest recurrent allocation of Kshs. 504M. This represents 10.53% of the entire recurrent budget allocation. All the other County Departments share the remaining 12.24% of the recurrent budget.
7. Under the County Administration, the office of the Deputy Governor's entire operations budget of Kshs. 5M has been moved to the office of the Governor operations. This will enhance accountability and service delivery. The total allocation to this line item increases to Kshs. 76M
8. There are no changes in the department of Finance and Economic Planning.
9. There are no changes in the department of Health as per the CFSP 2025-2026
10. Under the department of Agriculture, Kshs.1.15M under the programme Irrigation Development and Management programme has been moved to Infrastructure for fuel (leased equipment fuel). In Water Harvesting and Irrigation Technologies sub program, there are changes in the projects to be implemented at the ward levels. These projects are as annexed – *Proposed projects per ward 2025- 2026*
11. Under the Department of Infrastructure, there is additional allocation to Road Network improvement and Road maintenance through Leased Equipment- Equipment fuel to Kshs. 338.0 M and is to be distributed at shown in annexes - *Proposed projects per ward 2025- 2026 (Infrastructure projects).* The same line items have an additional allocation of Kshs.3.5M from the department of Water, 1.15M from the Department of Agriculture and reduction of Kshs. 1M moved to Department of Education
12. Under the Department of Education and Library Services, the allocation under programme ECDE Infrastructure Improvement have been combined to make it 2M per ward *(construction and equipping of ECDEs).* The projects of choice per ward have been provided for in the report and also in annex *(Proposed projects per ward 2025- 2026 – under Education)*. The priority projects for the VTC's are also provided in the report. Kshs. 2M for ECDE development recurrent vote has been reinstated from the Department of Gender and Social Services, the allocation made in the general administrative services to align with the CFSP 2025- 2026.
13. Under the Department of Gender and Social Services - general administrative services, Kshs. 2M have been moved to the Department of Education under ECDE development recurrent vote as per the CFSP 2025- 2026.
14. In the Department of Trade and Cooperatives, Kshs. 7.5 M (Purchase of Batch pasteurizer (cooler) and Kshs. 11 M (Market Infrastructure) be consolidated and shared equally per ward at Kshs. 1.2M for Market Infrastructure and the projects included in the report and also attached to the annex *(Proposed projects per ward 2025- 2026 – under Trade)*

Mr. Speaker, let me ask the Members to go through the entire report for them to understand the changes and recommendations made by the committee. Consequently, Mr. Speaker, it is also important for members to appreciate other projects that have been proposed by the Executive to be implemented in the respective wards. *(Mr. Speaker, this is just a summary of what is contained in the report, Members should read through the entire report)*

Mr. Speaker let me also appreciate the work done by my team, the Members of the Budget and Appropriation Committee for the work well done. The members comprise of;

1. Hon. Mwaniki Muturi as the Chairperson

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2. Hon. Stephen Ndiritu as Vice Chairperson
3. Paul Leshuel as Member
4. Hon. Nicholas Lempaira as Member
5. Hon. Mwangi Benson Kuria as Member
6. Hon. Irene Wachuka John as Member
7. Hon. Maina John Gichuki as Member

I want to take this opportunity to thank them for their valuable time and commitment they showed during the period of preparing this report.

On Acknowledgement, the Budget and Appropriations committee is grateful to the sectoral committees for their continuous oversight efforts over the County Departments in the execution of the budget estimates. Their valuable efforts continue to ensure the residents of this expansive county enjoy the services from government as well as value for their money.

Lastly, the committee is grateful to the Office of the Speaker of the County Assembly, Office of the Clerk and the sectoral committees for their valuable support to the Members of the County Assembly as they discharge their mandate.

On behalf of the Members of the Select Committee on County Budget and Appropriations, and pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 206 (4) & (5) and 207 (6), it is my pleasant duty and privilege to present to this Honourable Assembly, the Report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the Laikipia County Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 2025-2026 and recommend it to this House for adoption.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As Members can see in this report and I hope each Member has a document on the desk, they can be able to go through the annexure on the proposed projects per ward and the proposed projects that have been aligned in the whole county so that they can understand the contents on the budget.

Mr. Speaker, as we had stated, we have been with Members on various occasions on matters associated with the consolidation of this report. This will guide on how the next Financial Year will be able to expand with developments and agendas in this county. So, I appreciate the support of the Members and this House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I call upon Hon. Shuel to second this.

Hon. Paul Leshuel: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and the Chairperson for the Budget Committee for presenting to us this big document for the Financial Year 2025/2026. Mr. Speaker, I second the motion of the report. I am sure all the Members have this document. This document is giving us a summary of all revenue that this county will be implementing in the next Financial Year.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear to the report that we have an allocation that specifically goes to the wards equally. Mr. Speaker, we have another budget that is in the Executive that is implemented to the wards. It can be valid depending on the priorities of the departments. Mr. Speaker, as we all know, when the budget is submitted into this House, it is our responsibility to pass with or without amendments.

That is the privilege that we have as Members of this House. We can receive the budget, we can allocate, analyse again and probably align in some areas that are not clear. Mr. Speaker, it is clear. When this budget came into this House, the allocation for infrastructure was very

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low. Mr. Speaker, if you read today, even if you construct anything in Health or ECDE Classes yet you cannot access the area, that is meaningless.

Mr. Speaker, our priority is we get access and the only way is when we maintain our roads. You know, we only have tarmac roads in these towns. When you move out of this town, the roads need maintenance and opening. That is why we always give priority to our roads because it is the only way we can make our people to access other services.

Mr. Speaker, if you analyse the economy of this country and if you do not access where you want to go in the easiest way, then you will incur a lot of cost to go there. There are some areas that cannot be accessed until you get a land cruiser for you to get there. You know the cost of a land cruiser and even to buy a land cruiser so that you can be able to access your home is very expensive.

Those people who are living in tarmac roads can get a saloon car which will cost you little. Again, it will be cheaper for you to maintain it. Mr. Speaker, the road's maintenance needs a lot of concentration and priority. Mr. Speaker, if you go to Health, we have been given 34.1%. The reason is that the expenditures in the Health Sector is high. That touches the lives of people.

Mr. Speaker, if you go to Water, our county needs clean water. It is in the Constitution that every Kenyan must access clean water. It is our responsibility to make sure that even if we cannot manage to have every person getting clean water, people can at least not walk far to access water.

If you analyse the budget, it has touched all areas that give our people chances to improve their livelihood. Mr. Speaker, there is somewhere where the special groups have been indicated. These are women and the People with Disabilities. Mr. Speaker, even if the allocation is minimal, we can progress from there. Mr. Speaker, I am happy that Members are here with very serious concentration and commitment on this document.

This will guide us next year and again people outside are waiting anxiously to see what is in the next year's budget. It is our responsibility to make sure that the budget is clear and it touches every department and every corner of this county. I support this report. I am privileged because I sit in the Budget Committee. I know Members have participated in every step that we go in this budget. I second.

(Question proposed)

Speaker: Members, I open the floor for debate. I will give the first shot to Hon. Anthony Theuri, the Deputy Speaker.

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Thank you Hon. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to be the first one to support the motion and to welcome St. Jude Secondary School in Nanyuki Ward. I urge them to take this opportunity to learn from this great House. It is good to know I am also a parent there. I have two girls and I am very proud of my school.

As I support the budget, I have noted some things which I will add on that because of the next Financial Year. Allow me to congratulate the Chairperson for the Budget Committee. Mr. Speaker, he has done a wonderful job for the last three years he has been in that Committee. Mr. Speaker, I am impressed by his work. It is one of the best and most active committees. In that order, I do not want beef with anyone because of other committees.

Hon. Speaker, as much as I am supporting budget I am not impressed with balance and equity analysis but social equity. As much as we have been here, we have been supporting

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gender, PWDs, cultural activities and the women groups. I am an honest Christian and in the book of Luke, the Bible says very clearly that wherever your treasure is, that is where your heart is.

Mr. Speaker, if my heart is in the future of my boys and girls, how can I invest Kshs. 200,000? If at all the motion that we passed the other day through Hon. Kaniaru on PWDs that we almost cried while pleading here, Budget Committee saw that in the budget of Kshs.5.7B to allocate Kshs 200,000. I don't know what Kshs 200,000 can do in this economy.

On cultural activities Mr. Speaker, you are a champion of the same. You, Hon. Lempaira, Hon. Lekopien, Hon. Moile and Hon. Leshuel are from the minority community; so, what does Kshs. 200,000 do? If you are serious with this, you invest in it. I love education, so I invest in education. I love soil so I buy plots, land and invest in it heavily.

Mr. Speaker, 99.9% of Members in this House are married. Most of us are men. Don't we love our women? Some of us have more than two wives apart from me. Mr. Speaker, do not ask me how I know. How can we be serious yet we invest this? My Chair, Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki, I know in a few months' time, we will be here for the Supplementary Budget. So, kindly work on this.

I am very sure our girls are going to scrutinize and analyse this budget as they leave because this is a public document. I know they are going to carry it back to their school. This is the face of the county, this is leadership and this is us. As you will be replying to the motion, you must apologize to the four categories and say that you are going to rectify.

Mr. Speaker, let me end on a good note and tell my people from Nanyuki Ward that they should expect fireworks on development in this budget from Infrastructure and road network. In my ward in the last Financial Year's Budget that is ending, we had Kshs.2 million and I can see now we have Kshs.6 million. We had less than Kshs.14 million in contracts and now we have more than Kshs.18 million.

On Education, in Nanyuki Ward we can see I have built several classes from Nkando Primary where I did an ECD Class. I have done the same in Muthaiga Primary, St. Moses Primary, Mt. Kenya and this year, I am doing the same in Nturukuma Primary. I will build an ECDE Classroom.

Mr. Speaker, that is not enough. You can imagine this beautiful House that was built here without chairs and equipment will be in vain. That is why I congratulate the Education Committee. They saw through this House and through our prayers that we needed equipment such as chairs, tables and learning equipment.

I am proud to say that in each and every ward, it is prudent that we are going to give chairs to all the classes that we have done. That is a major boost because learning will be easy. Also, on the same, yes, we have classes and equipment. It my prayer that the Executive will implement this budget. They should consider out TVETs.

They should take the Kshs.8 million, distribute it equally to the TVETs that are able. The same should be done to our TVETs, to the guys and the students that are learning there, so that we can do the expertise and take it as a learning process and provide the same. It will be cheaper and they're going to supply more school.

Mr. Speaker now that we have the classes, chairs and the equipment our manifestos, even the Governor's manifestos and most of the Members here, we had said that we are going to have a feeding programme for our ECD. The same has not been presented in this. So, I hope

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in the coming budget, we will do a supplementary and that we are going to have a feeding programme for our people.

I come from an urban ward or a slum. We have a problem with the feeding of our people, especially more people in this economy. We have that problem in most households and I know I'm not exceptional. I know it is in Thingithu, Igwamiti, Marmanet and many other places. I pray that we are going to work on that.

Generally, Mr. Speaker, as I sit down, I have also seen through the Office of the Governor. I have seen how they have merged the Deputy Governor's budget with the Governor's Budget. They have Kshs.76 million and I'm very happy with that, Mr. Speaker. It will be easier to oversight. It will be only auditing the Governor. We have had a complaint in this House because of several things that I don't want to say in here, and I want to congratulate the Members on doing that.

There's no Deputy Speaker and Mr. Speaker, Sir. When you are not here, I usually sit there prudently. I enjoy full rights. I enjoy security, vehicles, the good tea that you usually take, the meat and sausages. When you are not here, I'm the boss. That is what we did to the Executive. When the Governor is not in, the Deputy Governor is the Governor. Let them have the budget. Let them work together. They were on the ballot together. So, let them work on that because we want service delivery, not politics.

If you want politics, we have one full year also to do our politics. Let us work for our people. Let us be prudent in our work. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I support this wholeheartedly, 100 percent. I know the things that I've said here, the able Chair and the House are going to work on that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support this budget and also applaud the committee. Before I do that, I welcome the students who are on the gallery and I appreciate the teachers who are organising all the students coming here because they are getting to learn more about us.

Mr. Speaker, this budget has really involved us and as I support it, I need to own, because we are the people who discussed it and agreed. Whatever we are tabling here, we agreed. It’s unfortunate because recently, I heard a question from members of public asking me on an issue that I wholeheartedly denied. When I pass this budget, even if somebody asked me a question outside, I will be able to defend. Whatever is in this budget and whatever was being circulated, I can attest it was really different.

I was being challenged for a road that I was being told that it was worth about Kshs. 20 million whereas 20 million shillings it was not even enough for the whole ward. I was able to defend and claim now that whatever we pass here, as approved is what we should own. Even whenever you are being asked any question, whatever we pass when it comes to people it portrays how we represent our people.

Mr. Speaker, they are concerned because my people were reprimanding me. There is what we call conditional grants. They were asking me why we don't share same conditional grants equally to each and every ward? It's unfortunate because at the moment and as we speak, there are some departments whereby we share equally. When we come to some specific areas, mostly the specific areas that have municipality boards they benefit in excess unlike other areas. The municipality boards have got their budget. Sometimes, they implement some projects without even involving the local leader and when we are sharing the budget, we share according to each and every ward.

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In the future, I think the Budget Committee will look into that because sometimes those of us whose areas have no municipality boards are disadvantaged. Mr. Speaker, I come from an agricultural area. I'm happy because having gone through the budget, I've seen there's a project that I will take to my place that will ensure that farm production will be closer to our people. I wholeheartedly support this budget, and I own it, and even if there is another issue, any concern, even if there will be any, any restructuring of it, I'm not part of it. I seek we pass it as it is. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono ripoti hii. Kwanza ni kuelewa ni nini tunafanya katika Bunge hili. Jambo la pili nataka nimpongeze mwenyekiti wa kamati ya Bajeti kwa vile ametupeleka vizuri na kuweza kuonyesha vile pesa za serikali inatumiwa katika wizara zote za Laikipia. Jambo la muhimu kuelewa kama Bunge la Kaunti tusipopitisha Bajeti ni kumaanisha serikali haitaweza kufanya kazi yeyote. Bajeti ambayo tunasoma siku ya leo iko na shilingi bilioni 6.9 ambazo tutaweza kuzifanyia kazi bila kuweka zile *Conditional Grant* ambazo hupeanwa. .

Bwana Spika, ni vizuri wajumbe waelewe katika wizara ya maswala ya uongozi na afisi ya Gavana imepatiwa kiwango kikubwa cha bajeti cha asilimia 77%. Bwana Spika, hio ni kumaanisha hio wizara ndiyo imebeba kiwango kikubwa cha pesa. Wajumbe wanaweza uliza, kwa nini wizara moja inachukua 77%? Ni kwa sababu hapo ndipo pesa za mishahara iko. Utakuta shilingi 3.3 bilioni zinaenda kwa mishahara.

Bwana Spika, jambo lingine, katika wizara ya Afya imechukua kiwango kikubwa cha asilimia 34.1% cha bajeti. Kumaanisha mambo ya hospitali iko sawa katika Kaunti yetu ya Laikipia. Itakuwa ni makosa mwananchi kutembea hospitalini zetu na kukosa dawa. Hapa kuna dawa. Hizi pesa ni mingi sana na naamini zikitumika vizuri hakuna mwananchi ataingia pale akose dawa.

Juzi tumesikia wananchi wakisema hakuna dawa. Tumepeana pesa mingi na hilo ni jambo tunafaa kuangalia. Sisi kama MCA, tutakaa macho. Kama zahanati yako haina dawa, tujue ni kwa nini. CO na CECM tutawakalia macho. Wasiponunua dawa, wataenda nyumbani. Nilisema juzi wengine wamekuwa wakikaa afisi kwa sababu hao ni wahudumu wa kudumu. Badala ya kufanya kazi anafanya vile anataka kwa sababu anajua baada ya miaka 5, hakuna mtu atamuuliza swali. Hio sio uungwana.

Kuna mambo ya barabara. Kuna pesa tulinyimwa. Pesa ya mafuta. *(Fuel levy).* Ilichukuliwa na Wabunge ikapelekwa serikali kuu ambayo ndio inatumika kujenga barabara zilizoko hili eneo letu. Sisi kama serikali ya Kaunti, tunafaa kupata hio pesa. Hapa Nanyuki, magari za waaziri zinapita hapo. Rais mwenyewe anapita hapo. Wananchi wakija Nanyuki wanakanyaga lami yetu. Baadaye wanasema hatuna haki ya kuchukua *fuel levy*. Ni unyanyasaji wa hali ya juu. Lazima serikali ielewe tunahitaji hio pesa kama serikali ya Kaunti.

Bwana Spika, naomba wakati mwingine tukija kusoma bajeti ya ziada tuhakikishe fuel levy iko hapo. Hawa Wabunge wa serikali kuu na Rais wataumbie wanapeleka hizi pesa wapi. Kama korti imeamua tunahitaji hizo pesa kama leo kwa sababu ni yetu.

Jambo la pili nimemsikia Mheshimiwa Anthony akiongea ni mambo ya pesa katika wizara ya vijana na akina mama na utamaduni. Hayo mambo ni mambo tunafaa kujilaumu kama Bunge. Tukilaumu Mwenyekiti, yeye hana pesa. Hio pesa sisi wote, wajumbe wa hili Jumba tulipokaa chini tulipitisha hii pesa. 200,000 na kila mtu alielewa.

Speaker: Order! What is it Hon. Anthony?

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Hon. Anthony Theuri: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can see one Honourable Stephen here wants to defend his chairman and I have no problem with that. But let it be known, Mr. Speaker, as much as it is our job to do this job, to make the budget, Mr. Speaker, we all know the buck stops at the driver. The driver of this committee is the Honourable Chair, Nicholas Mwaniki.

You know they change this budget at night. They can do anything. I'm very happy they have not done it this time. We have had these fights. So, let him not blame me if he is incompetent. We have a very big heart to forgive him. But as I have said, let it be considered in good faith. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Honourable Anthony. Honourable Stephen, the floor is still yours.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Jambo nilitaka kusema ni kwamba hizi 200,000 ziliwekwa hapa tulikaa kikao sisi wote. Badala ya kulaumu mwenyekiti, tulaumu Bunge lote. Tujilaumu. Niko na maoni tuongeze hizi pesa wakati huo mwingine zifike 500, 000,000 sababu hiyo pesa itakuwa ya umuhimu sana kusaidia vijana, akina mama na utamaduni. Na sisi, tuwe tayari kupeana pesa ya maendeleo. Hii 200,000 imetosha kwa sasa. Jambo la busara ni kukubali hiyo imepita na yaliyopita sio ndwele.

Jambo la mwisho, nimesikia mambo ya manispaa ambayo imezungumziwa na Mheshimiwa Kanyutu na kusema wadi zingine zinapendelewa. Hii sio mapendeleo. Laikipia tuko na mitaa mitatu ambayo ni mikuu. Nanyuki, Rumuruti na Nyahururu.

Watu wa Magharibi mwa Laikipia wanaishi Nyahururu. Utakaa aje kama mtaa wako ni mchafu? Tunataka tukiingia Nanyuki tunapata kuko sawa. Kuna maua na ndio tunakaribisha akina Kanyutu wakiweza kutupa zile taka kama ile chupa ameshika lazima agharamie na akubali hatuwezi toshana.

La mwisho ni kushukuru kamati kwa kushikanisha Ofisi ya Gavana na Naibu wake. Hapo walitumia hekima. Wakati nang'ang'ania kiti cha Gavana niko na mdogo wangu. Hakuna kura mbili. Ni moja ya Gavana na naibu wake. Pia ikifika kwa bajeti, kuleni moja. Halitakuwa jambo la busara kutenganisha Gavana na naibu wake.

[The Speaker (Hon. Lantano Nabaala) left the Chair]

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Anthony Theuri) took the Chair]

Wafanye kazi pamoja. Wajivinjari pamoja ili tuweze kuona maendeleo katika Kaunti yetu. Na kwa hayo machache, nashukuru na ninaunga mkono bajeti iliyosomwa kwa siku ya leo.

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Asante sana. Kwanza nishukuru Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Bajeti. Hii bajeti tunasoma kuna mambo tumeona inaenda vile inatakiwa. Nikiangalia afisi ya Gavana wa Laikipia naonelea ni vizuri bajeti iwe pamoja yake na naibu wake.

Pili, wakati kuna mgawo wa bajeti tunagawa ifanyie wananchi kazi. Tulichaguliwa kuangalia ile pesa tumepeana kama imefanya kazi inavyotakiwa. Wakati napatia Gavana pesa ya kufanyia wananchi kazi katika Laikipia, napata naibu wake amechukua gari la Kaunti akizunguka kila wadi akiomba kura. Nimefuatilia na nikaona hafanyi kazi ya mwananchi. Napongeza kamati kwa huo uamuzi. Juzi alikuja mara nne na gari za serikali. Mimi naunga mkono hii bajeti vile iko.

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Antony Theuri) left the Chair]

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[The Speaker (Hon. Lantano Nabaala) took the Chair]

Ukiona gari ya serikali ikija mashinani kufanya siasa, piga nduru. Tuko tayari. Ndio tuliyopewa kazi. Wengine wanachukuliwa hili Bunge ovyo ovyo. Hii ni Nyumba ya Sheria. Kuangalia mambo ya mwananchi. Pia Gavana tutamfuata kuangalia kama kuna kazi anafanya na ile pesa tunampatia. Tunakataa kupiga siasa na pesa za maendeleo. Ukiona gari ya serikali imekuja huko badala ya kukuja kufanya kazi, inakuja siasa. Piga nduru, piga nduru, tuko tayari. Asante sana Bwana Spika.

Hon. Catherine Kibue: Asante sana, Bwana Spika kwa kunipa hii fursa. Niseme asante kwa Kamati ya Bajeti ambayo inaongozwa na Mheshimiwa Mwaniki. Langu ni kuwashukuru na kusema asante sana. Toka tuingie hili Bunge, kama kuna siku Kamati ya Bajeti imetusikiza ni wakati huu. Tunashukuru na kusema asante kwa sababu sisi ndio wananchi wenu na mapendekezo yetu ndio inafaa kuwa pale kwa bajeti. Hakuna mtu anafaa kusimama na kusema Kamati ya Bajeti imekiuka sheria. Ni sisi wajumbe wa hili Bunge ambao tumesema bajeti inavyotengenezwa.

La pili, Kamati tekelezi, ni kazi kwenu. Tukipitisha bajeti hapa, watu wa Serikali tekelezi wengine wamelala. Kwangu kuna miradi tulipitisha na bado haitekelezwi. Naomba Kamati tekelezi ifuatilie. Tuletee wale watu hawafanyi kazi ndiposa tuwatume nyumbani. Tuko hapa kufanyia wananchi kazi waliotupatia kura. Asante sana, Bwana Spika.

Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I stand to support the motion on the Budget and Appropriation Committee. I really want to agree with the Budget Committee for the good job they've done. Hon. Speaker, as we've been to Nakuru checking on the budget last week, I think it's only fair that you know we've done all the budget for the Governor's office. I think it's only fair that even the Deputy Governor should be considered and we put some little money in there.

I mean at some point it's a little sad what I'm hearing now and I'm reading on a piece of paper it's different from what we had discussed. I think there's a saying in Swahili that says '*mpe kaisari ya kaisari na mpe Mungu iliyo yake.*' So, Hon. Chair, Budget you've done a good job and I really want to congratulate the committee for the good job.

As we had agreed, we had an office of the Deputy Governor and sadly so we had agreed on some issues and the amount of money that he was supposed to get. Probably last night, something went around and something changed. I feel a little sad that you know as much as there's are some issues and as much as he has an office, I don't know how long he's going to beg the Governor for him even to get fuel. I remember the last financial year, the Deputy Governor's car was grounded at the governor's ground just because of no fuel.

So, Hon. Chair, as much as you've done the job, I think when you go back to the supplementary budget, please let's just give a little consideration because we're all human beings and we know he has an office and his own errands. It will be sad that our Deputy Governor stays grounded because he doesn't have a budget. I stand to support the motion and I wish and urge the Budget Committee chaired by my good friend, the Honourable Nicholas from Tigithi, to consider and just be human and just give him a budget. If it's not much, just give him fuel so he can travel around the wards.

I know he's going around the wards hitting some of us here but let us not punish him for that. That's not well, that's not punishing for that. Like you know, we have the Office of the County Secretary. He has a budget. There's an Office of the Deputy Governor; he has a

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budget. I think we should give him some budget. As much as we've done all this, I mean let's just be human, *mpe Kaisari iliyo yake*. Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I support the motion.

Speaker: Thank you, Honourable Members. Allow me to give a chance to the Honourable Salim.

Hon. Salim Edung: Nashukuru Bwana Spika kwa kunipa fursa hii. Kitu cha kwanza nataka kutambua wanafunzi ambao wako hapa kwa kuja na kusoma. Wajue ya kwamba kuna mambo ambayo inaendelea katika Bunge hili. Pongezi asilimia mia moja kwa Kamati ya Bajeti kwa ile kazi ambayo wamefanya. Ukiangalia bajeti ya mwaka uliopita na mwaka huu, nimeangalia kwa makini sana.

Nimejaribu kudurusu karibu wiki tatu. Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Bajeti pamoja na kamati yake wamefanya kazi vilivyo. Jambo lingine ambalo nimeona katika bajeti ni pesa ambayo imewekwa katika Barabara na katika Afya itasaidia mwananchi wa kawaida. Wameelewa ya kwamba katika ile bajeti ambayo tumepitisha siku ya leo ni bajeti ambayo ilishirikishwa umma. Wananchi walidurusu mpaka ikafika mahali sisi wote tulikubaliana ya kwamba tupitishe bajeti leo.

Nikirejelea katika Ofisi ya Naibu wa Gavana, ukisoma katika riwaya, *shamba la Wanyama,* utapata ya kwamba wanyama wote ni sawa. Vile wako pamoja na Gavana, hao wote wako sawa. Vile Gavana atafanya kazi, ataelekeza yeye ya kwamba itafanyika hivi. Ndio maana kulikuwa na sanduku la Gavana wakati wa kupiga kura. Ni lazima atii vile Gavana anasema. Vile bajeti iliwekwa na kamati, iendelee hivyo.

Mheshimiwa Lekopien anasema ya kwamba ya kaisari, mpe kaisari. Mimi ninakanusha kwa kusema ya kwamba wanyama wote ni sawa. Vile imewekwa, ikae hivyo na iendelee hata mwaka mwingine. Ndiposa wajue ya kwamba kuna sheria katika Bunge hili. Tukipitisha bajeti, kama kuna mahali unataka kujua kwamba kuna marekebisho, marekebisho hayafanyiki wakati bajeti imepitishwa. Labda walete Bajeti ya Ziada ili tujue fulani atasaidika namna gani.

Leo tunasema Mheshimiwa Mwaniki, hiyo bajeti ipite hivyo na pia sisi tumeunga mkono pamoja na mwananchi aliyeangalia bajeti kutoka wiki ya kwanza na ikafika wiki ya tatu hadi siku ya leo. Bwana Spika, tuangalie kwa makini hii bajeti kwa sababu inasaidia hata wale ambao hawakuwa wamejumuika katika hiyo bajeti. Asante, Bwana Spika.

Hon Benson Kuria: Asante, Bwana Spika, ninashukuru kwa sababu ya hii nafasi ambayo umeweza kutukabidhia. Zaidi ya yote kabla nianze kuendeleza, ningependa kushukuru kwa sababu ya walimu na wanafunzi ambao wameweza kutembea katika Bunge letu leo. Ninawakaribisha sana. Kabla niweze kusema jambo lolote, ningelipenda kusema ya kwamba tuko na mjumbe wetu Mheshimiwa George Karuiru ambaye ameweza kupoteza mama yake. Ninajua ya kwamba kuna Wabunge ambao tunashirikiana Pamoja kuelekea mazishi ya mamake. Ni pole kwa ndugu yangu Mheshimiwa George Karuiru, Mheshimiwa wa Wadi ya Ol Moran.

Nikichangia mswada wa bajeti, ninajua ya kwamba mimi ni mwanakamati katika Kamati ya Bajeti. Ninashukuru mwenyekiti kwa sababu ya ushujaa na umaarufu ambao ameweza kuonyeshana ya kwamba lile bajeti ambalo limeweza kutengwa ni kusema ukweli tunaona ya kwamba hospitali, barabara na kilimo imeweza kupangwa kwa njia mwafaka kabisa. Kwa hivyo, ninajua hakuna dosari ama jambo lolote linaweza kuwa likiondolewa ama kufanyika.

Nikiwa nimetoka eneo Bunge la Kaskazini mwa Laikipia, ningependa kusema ya kwamba nikiwakilisha walio wachache katika Bunge la Laikipia, kusiwe na mapendeleo

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yoyote yale. Katika bajeti ambayo imewekwa, kuwe na ukweli ya kwamba ukiingia katika Wadi ambayo inawakilishwa na Mheshimiwa Salim na Mheshimiwa Leshuel na Mheshimiwa Lekopien. Kuwe na haki na ukweli kwa wale walio wachache. Kusiwe na ya kwamba bajeti ambayo itapitishwa leo, kuna watu wataumia na watu ambao hawatafaidika.

Tuone ya kwamba hakuna ubaguzi. Kila Barabara ambazo zimetengwa, zifanyike haki na ukweli kwa jamii zote Katika Kaskazini mwa Laikipia. Mheshimiwa Spika, ninajua ya kwamba bajeti imetengwa ya Mwanalaikipia na kila mtu yuko na haki ya kupata maji…

Speaker: A minute Hon. Benson. Honourable Members let us be orderly. Let us consult very silently. You are a bit loud. Thank you, proceed Hon. Benson.

Hon. Benson Kuria: Asante, Bwana Spika. Kuwe na ukweli na haki katika jimbo la Laikipia. Siongei kuhusu Magharibi na Mashariki mwa Laikipia, ila ninaongea kuhusu Kaskazini mwa Laikipia. Kuwe na haki na ukweli ya kwamba walio wachache wako na haki na ukweli wa kupata barabara, maji na shule za chekechea lakini kusiwe na ubaguzi ya kwamba hii bajeti ikipita, kuna watu watabaguliwa.

Mimi nimekuja kuwakilisha walio wachache katika Bunge hili. Mheshimiwa Spika, sio tafadhali. Hii bajeti ni ya watu wa Laikipia na tunaipitisha leo. Bwana Mwenyekiti, kusiwe na ubaguzi. Ninalipa kodi na wana wa Kaskazini mwa Laikipia wanalipa kodi vile wale wengine wanalipa. Ukifika kwangu nikiwa kama mjumbe, mimi siwezi kuingia kwangu kupitia barabara ya kwangu kwa sababu mimi ni jamii fulani.

Bwana Spika, hii bajeti ikipita ninaomba Mheshimiwa Leshuel kutoka Mashariki mwa Mukogodo, Mheshimiwa Salim wa Segera na Mheshimiwa Lempaira kutoka Sosian mahali nimetoka, iwe na ukweli na haki lakini si maneno ya majimbo tofauti tofauti. Kuzaliwa nikiwa Mkikuyu, sikutuma barua Mheshimiwa Spika. Kuzaliwa nikiwa Pokot, Msamburu ama Kalenjin sikutuma barua. Haki na ukweli itendeke katika jimbo la Laikipia...

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Benson. Just a minute. What is it Hon Kanyutu?

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Ningependa ufafanuzi kidogo kwa maana anasema ubaguzi wa rangi. Ningependa kujua ni wapi inaendelea kwa maana ni vyema tuelewe kama ni jambo tunashirikiana, tushirikiane kama Bunge na hilo jambo tuweze kulitatua. Kama kuna ubaguzi wa rangi, tunastahili kushikana pamoja ile tuweze kuona. Kama barabara inajengwa na kunakuwa na ubaguzi wa rangi, ningependa tushikane kama Bunge na tuweze kutatua.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kanyutu. Perhaps Hon. Benson may be able to clarify but the floor is still yours Hon. Benson.

Hon. Benson Kuria: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Ningelipenda kusema ya kwamba Mheshimiwa Lempaira ni wa Magharibi mwa Mukogodo lakini ninaongea kuhusu Mheshimiwa Sammy Parleto Lekopien, Mjumbe wa Wadi ya Sosian. Hao watatu wawajibike kwa kazi ambayo wamepewa lakini si kutumikia jamii. Watumikie wananchi ambao waliweza kuwafanya wawe katika Bunge la Laikipia. Mimi nikiwa mjumbe, kwangu siwezi nikafika ilhali niko na bibi na watoto…

Speaker: What is it Hon. Gatati?

Hon. Mugambi Gatati: I am standing on a point of correction. I want to inform the Honourable Member that if you come to this House and you are a nominated member, you don't represent any ward, you represent either youth, people living with disabilities or people with special interest. You cannot stand as a nominated member and address a certain ward where you come from. That is misleading this House.

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You do not represent any ward and if you represent any ward, you go for an elective position and people elect you or deny you a chance. So, it is very wrong for us here having children who are learning here listening to a nominated member, fighting for the rights of a certain ward. Hon. Speaker, we need your indulgence.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Gatati. Hon. Benson hold on. Hon. Lempaira, the floor is yours.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I think you have a role to protect Hon. Benson because he is talking about the minority and I come from the minority people. If it is painful for people to hear that the minority deserve their right, it is up to you. We deserve equal opportunities like any other person. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, now allow Hon. Benson to wind up.

Hon. Mugambi Gatati: Hon. Speaker, I had a point. When you talk of the minority communities in Laikipia…

Hon. Benson Kuria: Mheshimiwa Spika, wanataka kunizuia kusema kile ambacho ninataka kusema kutoka moyo wangu nikitetea na kupigania walio wachache. Nisipoongea Mheshimiwa Spika, haitaisha…

Speaker: Hold on Hon. Benson. I am saying I am giving Hon. Benson to finalise on his contribution. Proceed.

Hon. Benson Kuria: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Ningetaka Mjumbe wa Sosian azime hiyo kitu kwa sababu najua anataka kunimaliza…

(Laughter)

Speaker: Proceed Hon. Benson.

Hon. Benson Kuria: Mheshimiwa Spika, mimi niko hapa kuwakilisha Jimbo la Laikipia na chama cha UDA. Vilevile, nawakilisha walio wachache katika Kaskazini mwa Laikipia. Kwa hivyo, Mheshimiwa kutoka Salama hawezi kuniambia ya kwamba hakuna kitu nafanya. Najua kwamba natetea haki ya walio wachache katika Jimbo la Laikipia na ni lazima kila mtu apate haki.

Kwa hayo mengi na machache, lazima hii bajeti iwe na haki na ukweli kuhakikisha kuwa kila Mwanalaikipia, awe hana mavazi au nini, amehakikishiwa ya kwamba ukweli wake umepatikana katika kilimo, maji, barabara na elimu; kila mtu apate haki yake, bali sio kubagua kwa misingi ya rangi. Namshukuru Mheshimiwa Lempaira kwa sababu anafanya kazi iliyo sawa kwake. Nisiambiwe eti hakuna kitu nafanya. Mimi nawakilisha chama cha UDA na walio wachache katika Jimbo la Laikipia kutoka Laikipia Kaskazini. Asante.

Speaker: Thank you. Allow me to give to Hon. Daniel Mugweru.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. *Hebu kwanza hawa washerehekee.* I wish to take this opportunity to make my contribution in support of this report and the Budget of Laikipia. Before doing that, I wish to acknowledge the presence of students from St. Jude Girls which is in Nanyuki, neighbouring Umande. They are very important to us.

Secondly, Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate Hon. Kamara because today he is in the list that he is working. He was nominated to represent the minority and today we have seen him defending them. I do not know about the other days, but today I have seen. Today, at least, you are in the register that you are working very hard.

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Hon. Speaker, this is one of the best budgets for the people of Laikipia because it is the best that we can have. You can only work with what you have. From what we have as the people of Laikipia, this is what we are able to budget for. I really wish to thank the committee for working for the people of Laikipia to get this budget. I am sure that the Hon. Members of this House support it so that it works for the people of Laikipia.

Hon. Speaker, it is very sad that we approve a wonderful budget in this County but when it comes to implementation, we have rotten people working for the Executive. I have never understood how they think. We pass the best budget but when it comes to implementation there are challenges from the Executive. If the Executive will be able to work on this budget as it is, I am sure the people of Laikipia will be very happy.

I was listening to the Hon. Deputy Speaker when he was talking about the two hundred thousand. From my end, I was so much contented with the two hundred thousand because at the end of the day we want to support the young people, women; and women are not necessarily the elderly ones, it is also the girls who are in school. If we say that we reduce the money allocated to bursaries in order to give to women, and we stop helping young girls to become better women, then that will be a challenge in future.

Hon. Speaker, all these special groups are catered for in the entire budget. When we talk about infrastructure, there are no special roads for special people. They are all enjoying the same. Everyone is enjoying this. So, I feel that this is the best budget for the people of Laikipia and I want to thank the committee for considering CEDEC to get this amount of money. Many people have never understood what CEDEC does for the entire county. Whether you are from Marmanet or Rumuruti, if you are able to bring those young boys and girls on the streets to CEDEC, they will be accepted and will get the best. We have seen several from this town being taken there and they have become important people in this County.

So, when we support this CEDEC; even if you deny all the other departments money, you should not deny those underprivileged boys and girls. I really congratulate the Budget Committee for considering CEDEC in a big way. It is one of the best things that we can do not only for the community, but also for God himself who will bless you for this.

Hon. Speaker, the money has been well distributed to wards. I do not even need to go into it because every elected Member or one who represents a certain group has seen that their area is well represented in this budget. So, I support it and believe that the Hon. Members will also support, and that Hon. Kamara will be heard because he represents the minority. Hon. Kamara, fight for yourself to have a road. As you fight for the minority, fight for yourself to have the road because you are their representative. For the Members representing his area, make sure that Hon. Kamara gets a road that will help him access the Assembly to represent the entire minority in this County. Thank you.

Hon. Mugambi Gatati: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I am standing in support of the budget. I also want to congratulate the Budget Committee for the public participation that they did for the Members. The Members can attest that we spent a whole day in Nakuru and also had previous consultations and final consultations in individual wards.

Hon. Speaker, today marks a very important thing for me. Having been listening to what the Members were saying about the Office of the Deputy Governor. I was planning to deputize someone in 2027 but maybe I will think otherwise. I usually thought that the Office of the Deputy Governor is an independent office but now I fully understand that once you go to the ballot with someone, we should give you a block budget because you came as one.

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I also want to echo what Hon. Wachuka said, that these people are using government vehicles. Last week or last week but one, the Deputy Governor went all the way to Rumuruti where we have our IDPs from Salama. When he spoke, he said categorically that he was not talking as the Deputy Governor, but as an individual. So, I also have reasons for that budget to be scrapped. You cannot use a government vehicle to go and address people who elected you and you tell them that you are not addressing them as a Deputy Governor. That is even embarrassing.

Hon. Speaker, some people were arguing that he does not have a budget, but does an MCA have a budget? No, yet we support our voters. The Deputy Governor was arguing that he does not have a budget and was only speaking in his own capacity as Kamuri and not as the Deputy Governor. So, I think the Budget Committee did justice to us. Anyone who jokes with the office they hold, scrap their budget. Let them use their own fuel to go and visit the people.

Hon. Nyokabi was complaining that three contingents of government vehicles were packed at her ward. The issue is that they are promising roads and telling them that they are going to build the roads but must first talk to the Governor; and you are a Deputy Governor or a CECM? I was not in support of scrapping of the budget but now I have reasons why it should be scrapped. Now I do not even consider myself deputizing anyone because that can be dangerous.

The other thing is about my ward. I can see that the projects I gave are all highlighted in the budget. I want to congratulate the staff who did this work as well as the Budget Committee. I also want to inform Hon. Kamara that once you come here wanting to defend the people you represent, you do not just defend them on the floor of the House. You also represent them during committee meetings. We were all called to Nakuru but you never spoke. When we are passing the budget is the time you come crying. You also cannot bring about tribal things here.

Speaker: Hon. Gatati, the Standing Orders state that all addressing must be done to the Speaker, not to the Member.

Hon. Mugambi Gatati: I apologize. I want to address Hon. Kamara through the Speaker. You know, we even embarrass ourselves. You speak here on the floor of the House yet when the meetings were being done you were not present. You never spoke, and now you are telling the Budget Committee about some roads. I am a witness; if he is speaking about the road to his home, that road was done by Hon. Lekopien a month ago. That road is already made.

Also, it is not wise for a Member to come here and mention about his road. That is being selfish. If you are talking about other areas, that is okay. Do not be like Gachagua who only stands and talks about his community. It is very wrong to defend only your community. You need to be a National Leader and a county person.

Hon. Speaker, I want to be protected because I am standing to defend the motion then you will give them some time. I am just saying, just represent the whole county. Do not talk about Sosian, talk about Salama. When the minority people are being fought at Salama, have you ever gone to stand with them and they are the minority.

The people who are being fought in Salama are the minority. That is even a challenge and I am asking the nominated Members. Have you ever stood with the people you represent here? When the budget is being made, have you ever spoken about the people you represent

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here. You are coming here to address an elected leader that he is failing in his ward yet you are a nominated Member.

That is very wrong and it is embarrassing our Hon. Members. It is even wrong for me to come and address Hon. Gathoni and say that she is not representing the people she is being nominated for. You are embarrassing the Hon. Member. Maybe the Hon. Member might not speak but next time Hon. Lempaira, you will have someone nominated from your ward who will embarrass you in the floor of the House.

You know once you speak. It goes to the record. If that thing leaks to the public, people might see Hon. Lekopien like a tribal person. I am a testimony of the dams he is building in those minority communities. As a leader, let us be sensitive. Speak like you are the one who is elected in that ward and someone else is standing there to challenge you that you are selecting other communities, that Hon. Wachuka is not doing work in Gatero yet she is doing in Igwamiti.

You are inciting people on the floor of the House. That is very wrong. Hon. Speaker, you should be at the forefront to protect the dignity of these Members. We cannot come in the same House and a Member will be standing here yet people are clapping while he is fighting your fellow Member. That is a bad culture. Let us not go through that way. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members. I realized that I had given a chance to Hon. Lekopien. Now I give Hon. Lempaira.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. This morning is turning to be very interesting. First of all, I want to put it on record that I support the budget as a Member of the committee. I want also to put on record that we did not have malice on why we did not put money in the Office of the Deputy Governor. When it is in the Office of the Governor, they are all included there.

I want that to be in record so that people do not misinterpret the committee on the views of the Members. The Office of the Governor is the Office of the Deputy Governor. Whoever wants the money for the Deputy Governor, get it from the Office of the Governor. It is there and it is on record.

If he was supposed to be given Kshs. 20M, 40M or 76M, he shall get it from there. The accounting officer is from the Office of the Governor. We do not have the accounting officer in the office of the Deputy Governor. We shall put money where we have people we can question. Hon. Speaker, I also want to ask this House that we have a problem every time we pass this budget with the implementation.

We are almost beginning another Financial Year and yet some of the projects that we budgeted for last year or this Financial Year has not been started. I don't know what we are supposed to do because we need to wake up as a House and do serious oversight on the Implementation of these projects. We have passed a lot of motions in this House. We have debated a lot of important matters that affect the people of Laikipia County but the implementation becomes a problem.

I want to ask the Chair, Implementation Committee, that in the next forum to give us a report of how many motions we have passed and how many have been implemented. Hon. Speaker, in some of my areas, water is a serious challenge. We have some schools that are being closed because of lack of water. For example, Ilpolei Secondary School and Il Polei Primary School.

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Last week we spoke with the principal. We tried to get the water bowsers to go and supply water but we were told that the water bowser is still in the garage months in and months out.

Sometimes, we need to speak out and the Chair responsible for water needs to take up this issue and make sure that this water bowser is working. The people of Laikipia North have issues with water. Getting a water bowser from here to Ilpolei will cost you Kshs. 50,000 or Kshs. 60,000. When one for the County runs, it becomes very easy for the children in those schools to have clean water.

The parents around there will also get clean water. A few months ago, we had a meeting with NAWASCO. They were to repair the water source of Makurian Water so that water can be pumped from Kiwanja Ndege to Il Polei so that we can sort out this problem. We cannot sort it out because the Implementation Committee that we passed in this House becomes an issue.

I want to ask the Chair that today when we pass this budget, the copy that goes to the Executive for implementation must be signed in every page. If Members are not careful with the projects that are here, you will get a number of them have not been implemented. Some get lost in the middle and you wonder what happens with those projects. These are serious issues that when we pass here, they will not be for these projects to be in the budget when it is implementation.

It should be done 100% because the money is there. We also need to avoid these issues of pending bills. Normally, this House has never delayed in passing the budget. Every year we have a report of huge pending bills because some of the COs that are supposed to implement these projects are sleeping in their jobs.

This goes to every one of us that every share of every committee should actually make sure that all the projects that we pass here are implemented unless a CO has a problem. It needs to be brought to the attention of the Members so that we know exactly what need to be done.

Hon. Speaker, the MCA for Salama Ward has just stepped out and it is good to put these things in record. Let us not be so painful when people demand for equal rights for the minority groups in Laikipia. When you look at the employment rate that is happening in the Public Service Board, we are left behind. Hon. Kamara has the right to say that we deserve to be given equal opportunities. Be it roads, employment or anything that this county contributes to every Members, we deserve them because we are Laikipians. We are not children of the lesser God. Therefore, every time we talk of the minority…

Hon. Speaker, Hon. Kanyutu has pressed the mic. Can I get your attention so that I can know how to handle him? Thank you.

Speaker: What is it Hon. Kanyutu?

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker, I am standing on a point of clarification from the Hon. Member.

Speaker: Do you want to give a clarification?

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: I need his clarity. He has said that we need to be equal in every place. Is it even in the morgue that we need to be equal. When we have ten bodies from a certain tribe, should we make sure that other dead bodies will be from another tribe?

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Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Some things are crazy. When you go to the market and respond to every crazy man you meet, you will also be crazy. Hon. Speaker, I will not answer that. If he has a formula to make sure that…

Speaker: Proceed.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: If he has a formula to make sure that the dead are equal, Hon. Kanyutu kindly do it. Thank you. Hon. Speaker, it has to go down to records that the minority group deserve equal opportunities. That is what we must put across to some of the Members. This is not a political statement but the reality. If it is a must that it should be a political statement, I will be ready to take the responsibility. Thank you.

Speaker: Now Hon. Members, I want to take this opportunity to invite the mover of the motion to reply.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for the robust discussion of this budget. I appreciate the Members and their contribution. Mr. Speaker, it has been a heated debate because each Member wants to contribute because this is the basis of change in the respective wards across the county.

I had a consent and that is why I was perusing through the report because I had a problem with the funds allocated to the new lease for dumping trucks. We as Members discussed and we allocated some funds towards that department. I can see it is scheduled in the Finance and Economic Planning. We have lease rentals for dumping and garbage trucks and other lease contracts which is county wide with Kshs.5B.

It was budgeted by the same Members of this House because we needed a new fleet of trucks so that we can be able to embark on serious infrastructural work on our roads in the next financial year. Mr. Speaker, I can see it is budgeted for. I appreciate the Members for their robust discussion.

If at all we do not plan, without a plan we plan failure. Having a budget on board, it shows the Members are ready for the next financial year's implementation of projects because the residents and electorates are still yearning for development across the wards. It is time as Members of this House to step on the Implementation Committee very hard.

As Budget Committee, we have done the report and this report has been done by the same Members who are still the Members of the implementation Committee. The Chairperson of the Implementation Committee is a Member of the Budget Committee. Having him on board during the budget making process, is a challenge because as a House made of 23 Members we shall challenge him.

We shall put him on the floor if at all this budget is not implemented accordingly. Mr. Speaker, some of the projects of this Financial Year's Budget that were planned for by the document have not been initiated. Some departments have not started some projects. We have listed the projects as ongoing projects in this budget because we do not want the year to end for them to be listed as pending bills.

If at all we shall list them as pending bills, we shall have a problem with payments to the contractors that have been given contracts across the county. This ball rolls on Hon. Leshuel as the Chairperson for the Implementation Committee. The Members have requested that implementation to be done accordingly.

Mr. Speaker, this also goes to the committee. Every committee's Chair must work by stepping on the respective CEC and CO in the respective departments because part of the

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implementation of the budget being passed in this Assembly goes to them. Mr. Speaker, if at all they do not up their game, we shall call upon Members of this House to impeach several CECMs in the departments.

These are the people who will be impeached after five years by the electorates on the ground. The people who elected these Members will be the first to impeach them if at all the Executive fails the Members. Mr. Speaker, we will not stand by and watch when our Members are being oppressed by the Executive.

The Executive must do its work because our work is already done. Mr. Speaker, we have already done our report. If at all we pass this report today, Implementation must be done to the letter. I thank all the Members for supporting this budget. My God bless this House. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members. The motion has been moved, seconded and robustly contributed to by the Members.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: The sittings of this House now stand adjourned until later today Tuesday, 17th June, 2025 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 11.38 a.m.

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